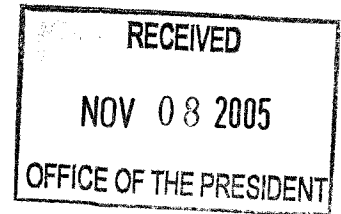


City of Casa Grande



November 2, 2005

The Honorable Ken Bennett
Senate President
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2890

The Honorable James P. Weiers
Arizona Speaker of the House
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2890

**RE: City of Casa Grande Special Election - 2005 Mail Ballot Election
Water Franchise Election**

Dear Sirs:

The City of Casa Grande held its first Mail Ballot Election on September 13, 2005, for a Water Franchise Election. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-904(B), the City of Casa Grande is submitting the following report on the results of the Mail Ballot Election:

1. Changes in voter turnout:

Year	Election	Voter Turnout
2005	Special All Mail Ballot - Water Franchise	26.30%
2005	Primary	8.97%
2003	Primary	9.10%
2002	Special – Referendum “Proposition 400 – Wal-Mart Zoning”	33.20%
2002	Special – Proposition 400 General Plan, and APS Franchise	8.20%
2001	General	20.70%
2001	Primary	18.80%
1999	Primary	13.10%

2. Relative cost of the mail ballot election compared to traditional elections.

The City of Casa Grande contracted with Pinal County Recorder's and Elections Department to assist with the Election process. The Pinal County Elections Department sub-contracted with Election Operations Services to print and mail the ballots. Below is a cost summary of the mail ballot election and traditional election:

Year	Election	Total Cost	Cost Per Voter Turn Out
2005	Special – All Mail Ballot – Water Franchise Election	\$35,706.09	\$35,720.28 / 3,101=\$11.52
2005	Primary Election	\$20,664.45	\$20,644.45 / 1,428 =\$14.46

3. Suggestions for improving or refining the mail ballot program.

The results of the City's survey and personal contact indicate that voters were concerned that their signature on the ballot affidavit was located on the outside of the return envelope, thereby, exposing their signature. We have conveyed this concern to Election Operations Service who designed and produced the election materials for this election.

4. Frequency and severity of mail ballot irregularities.

None.

5. Voter Satisfaction with the election process.

The City of Casa Grande's survey revealed the below:

- Ninety-eight percent of the voters responding to the survey stated the All-Mail Ballot process was more convenient.

6. Number of non-deliverable ballots.

A total of 714 ballots were non-deliverable, and marked as follow by the Pinal County's Recorder's Office:

Un-voted Ballots – Returned by Post Office Undeliverable	240
Returned by Post Office Temporarily Away	198
Returned by Post Office New Address, Out of State/County	174
Retuned by Post Office New Address/Out of City Limits	105
TOTAL NON-DELIVERABLE BALLOTS	714

The City of Casa Grande believes that the "All-Mail Ballot" process attributed to higher voter participation.

Should you have any questions, please call me at the below listed number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gloria Leija", written in a cursive style.

Gloria Leija, MMC
City Clerk

Xc: City Manager
City Council